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SUBJECTS: A. MOROCCAN- USSR RELATIONS

B. MOROCCAN PURCHASE OF C-130 S

C. U. S. VISIT OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ANGEL SAGAZ CALLED ON ASST. SECY
STOESSEL MARCH 23 AND SAID THERE WERE TWO REPORTS WHICH
DISTURBED HIS GOVERNMENT:

A. THE MOROCCANS AND SOVIETS WERE CONSULTING ABOUT RIGHTS
AND FACILITIES ALONG MOROCCO' S MEDITERRANEAN COAST WHICH
MIGHT INVOLVE MORE THAN FISHING. A SOVIET MISSION HAD
VISITED MOROCCO; A MOROCCAN MISSION INCLUDING MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVES WAS PLANNING TO GO TO MOSCOW. ANY SOVIET
BASE OR PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WOULD ADVERSELY
AFFECT SPANISH INTERESTS ESPECIALLY IN ROTA.

B. THE MOROCCANS WERE TRYING TO PURCHASE HERCULES C-130 S
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FROM LOCKHEED. THIS WOULD NOT BE SO DISTURBING IF THE MOROCCANS DID NOT SAY THAT THEY WERE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO WESTERN EUROPE. IF WHAT IS REALLY INVOLVED IS A MOROCCAN MILITARY BUILDUP, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED.

2. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR WAS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE TWO REPORTS. HE WAS TOLD THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LOOK INTO THEM.

3. SAGAZ TOOK THE OCCASION ALSO TO RAISE ANOTHER TOPIC - THE IMPENDING VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER LOEZ BRAVO. HE REPEATED ARGUMENTS FOR THE VISITOR SEEING PRESIDENT NIXON, STATING THAT SINCE GENERAL FRANCO AND VICE PRESIDENT CARRERO BLANCO NEVER LEFT SPAIN LOPEZ BRAVO WOULD IN EFFECT BE IN POSITION OF CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE BEARING PERSONAL MISSIVE FROM GENERAL FRANCO TO U. S. PRESIDENT. ASST. SECY STOESSEL SAID FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE WELCOME BUT THERE WOULD BE NO GUARANTEE OF BEING RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NIXON. ROGERS

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